Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 04 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 05 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 03 Mar 2021 at 11:49 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mostly dry cold and settled next few days, low for timing of the change to more changeable conditions with some rain and snow later in the weekend or early next week.

Headline for Thursday 04 Mar 2021: Cloudy with a little rain and snow at first becoming brighter and drier by the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 04 Mar 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	60%	60%	30%	20%	10%	10%	<05%

Forecast for Thursday 04 Mar 2021

Weather: Cloudy in the early hours and into the first part of the morning with some outbreaks of rain, with snow above 500-600m, but this will be mostly light and a few areas could escape dry. Then becoming mainly dry by the afternoon, with cloud lifting and breaking to allow some sunny intervals, and just the chance of a light snow flurry over Strathdon. A dry evening with clear spells and frost developing at all levels.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% in the morning, rising to 80% in the afternoon.

Visibility: Moderate, occasionally poor at first, in the rain and snow in the morning, with poor visibility in cloud based at 600-800m with a few patches to 450m in north, before it breaks up and lifts in the afternoon and bringing very good visibility in the clean Arctic airstream, despite any light snow showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	23/30 NE	21/27 NE	18/23 NE	16/21 NE	17/23 NE	15/21 NE	12/17 NE	12/16 E	10/14 E
900	17/21 NE	16/21 NE	14/18 NE	15/20 NE	15/22 NE	13/19 NE	10/14 NE	10/14 E	8/11 E
600	8/12 NE	7/11 NE	9/14 NE	11/17 NE	12/19 NE	11/16 NE	7/12 E	5/9 NE	4/6 E
300	4/10 NE	4/10 NE	7/15 NE	8/17 NE	9/18 NE	7/15 NE	5/12 NE	3/7 NE	1/4 SE
Glen	3/10 N	3/9 N	5/14 NE	5/14 NE	7/16 NE	6/14 NE	4/11 NE	3/6 NE	2/4 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-13	-4/-12	-4/-11	-5/-13	-6/-14	-7/-14	-8/-15	-8/-15	-8/-15
900	-2/-8	-1/-7	-1/-7	-2/-9	-3/-10	-3/-10	-4/-9	-5/-10	-5/-10
600	0/-4	0/-3	1/-3	-1/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6	-3/-5
300	2/0	2/0	2/-1	2/-2	2/-2	2/-1	1/-2	-1/-3	-2/-4
Glen	2/1	2/1	3/1	2/-1	3/-1	3/0	2/-0	0/-1	-2/-3
Freezing Level*	600m	700m	700m	400m	300m	300m	200m	100m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Although winds not strong, the lowering temperatures and a significant wind chill still lead to a very low feels like temperature.

Forecast for Friday 05 Mar 2021
Weather: A dry day with some clear or sunny spells.

Maximum wind: Light and variable in the morning becoming south to southwest 10-15mph gusts 20-25mph in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: >95% with any cloud above the summits.

Visibility: Very good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 5 to Minus 10 at dawn rising to Plus 5 in the afternoon then back down to Minus 5 in the evening.
At 800m: Minus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: All levels, rising 500m for a time during the day.

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